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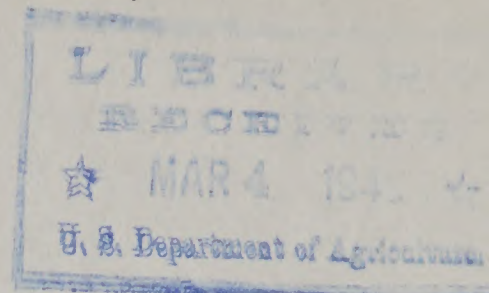
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### AZALEA KOSTER KAEMPFERI HYBRIDS

The soil in most parts of Long Island is naturally acid and therefore well adapted to ericaceous plants like Rhododendrons, Mountain Laurels, Azaleas, etc. The undergrowth of the woods is intermingled with Mountain Laurel and with native Azalea which endure our most severe winters without injury.

It is on account of the rigorous winters that many Azaleas which are not native fail to thrive as they are not "hardy". There is however one exception, the Azalea Kaempferi. Hundreds of these Azaleas are flowering every Spring in great beauty at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Azalea Kaempferi is one of the parents of the KOSTER KAEMPFERI HYBRID AZALEAS from which they inherited their hardiness, rapid growth and floriferous habit while the other parent gave them the large pastel-colored flowers.

The KOSTER KAEMPFERI HYBRIDS are named for Mr. P. M. Koster, the manager of Bagatelle Nursery who spent many years experimenting to produce a race which finally would fulfill all the requirements we may demand of an ideal outdoor Azalea.

One of these Hybrids was reproduced in color in the March issue of House and Garden, illustrating the article on Rhododendrons and Azaleas by Dr. Clement Bowers. We enclose this same color plate of OTHELLO and beg to draw your attention to the fact that this Azalea was used on the outside cover of the New York International Flowershow catalogue. It speaks for itself!

Besides OTHELLO, we grow CARMEN, FEDORA and LOUISE, all flowering with large pastel-colored flowers. To appreciate their beauty they must be seen and we cordially invite you to visit our nursery when they will be in flower. We will be glad to let you know when they are at their best, if you so desire.

The price of these Azaleas is reasonable. We offer wellshaped plants, about 18" high at \$2.00 each.

Yours very truly,

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